

# Agriculture in the Classroom Agriculture Experience Grant Program Overview and Application



## Project Overview

The Agriculture in the Classroom Agriculture Experience Grant Program was created to support schools and organizations who strive to connect students to the source of their food and fiber. Such a connection will help Virginia's school children gain a greater knowledge and appreciation of agriculture. Qualifying projects will provide students with hands-on, experiential learning about agriculture. Projects may include, but are not limited to: farm-themed field trips, farm field days and embryology units.

Grants may be requested for up to \$500. Agriculture in the Classroom reserves the right to partially fund grant requests.

Applications are due by **September 26**. Recipients will be notified by October 17.

Applicants **must** meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Teacher or administrator of any Virginia PK-12 schools, public or private.
- 4H and/or FFA clubs are eligible when applying for a project that will serve the general school population.
- PTAs or other parent organizations may apply when the project will directly engage students.

Project and Application Guidelines:

- Agricultural concepts must be used. Preference will be given to projects that directly engage students in a hands-on agricultural experience.
- Students must be directly engaged in the educational component.
- Special consideration will be given to those applicants who incorporate Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom materials into their projects.
- Grant checks will only be made payable to the school or organization, not to an individual.
- Schools must have a daily attendance of at least 100 students.

### Project Reporting and Fund Disbursement

Successful applicants will be given half of the granted funds upon notification of selection and the remaining funds upon completion and filing of final report. Final reports must include at least 3 photographs of your projects. If students are included in the pictures, please be sure to have appropriate releases.

Final reports are due to AITC by May 31 and may be completed online here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AITCGrantReport>.

### Submission and Notification

Please submit applications online here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016AITCAgGrant>.

Applications are due by September 26. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status in writing by October 17. Successful applicants will also be provided with a press release to announce their grant projects.

### Contact Agriculture in the Classroom with Questions:

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